

or the financial loss in this regard. However, to strengthen the provisions pertaining to data protection, privacy and unlawful disclosure of sensitive personal information, a Bill to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000 has been prepared.

**Submarine cable landing stations in West Bengal**

1649. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Submarine Cable Landing Stations working in the country as on date;

(b) the owners and the locations of these Submarine Cable Landing Stations;

(c) whether the Central Government have assured the West Bengal Government in March, 2006 for setting up a Submarine Cable Landing Station in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the present status of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The total number of Submarine Cable Landing Stations working in the country as on 30.11.2006 is Eight (08). The details are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A joint venture company Millenium Telecom Limited (MTL) has been formed with equity participation of M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and M/s. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to carry out the Project. Consultant for the project has been appointed and presently various preparatory works are going on like feasibility studies, identification of Landing countries/partners, finalisation of MOU with landing countries/partners and preparation of Tender Documents.

[7 December, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

***Statement***

***The Details of Owners and the Locations of Submarine Cable Landing Stations (CLS):***

Sl. No	Name of the Owners of CLS	Number of CLS deployed	Locations of CLS
1.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited.	04	1. Videsh Sanchar Bhawan, Fort,- Mumbai 2. Lokmanya Videsh Sanchar Bhawan, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 3. Videsh Sanchar Bhawan, Swami Sivanand Salai, Chennai. 4. Videsh Sanchar Bhawan, Kakkanad, Ernakulam.
2.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	01	1. Tuticorin, Tamilnadu
3.	Reliance Infocomm Limited	01	1. Varsova Beach, Mumbai
4.	Bharti Airtel Limited	02	1. Bharti Aquanet Limited, Bharti Towers, 101, Santhone High, Chennai. 2. Bharti Airtel Limited, Oceanic Tower, 101 Santhone, High, Chennai.

**Collection of speed post packages from the houses by postmen**

1650. MISS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to depute postmen of the respective areas to collect speed post packages from the houses/establishments;